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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on July 16, 2002. Please amend the application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.